



DRAFT Notes

Nursing Facilities Advisory Council

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM

303 E. 17th Street, Conference Room 7b

Denver, CO 80203

ATTENDEES	AGENCY
Ann Kokish	CHCA
Arlene Miles	CHCA
Greg Traxler	Omni Health Care Association
Jane Garramone	CDPHE - HFEMSD
Janet Snipes	Holly Heights
Janice Brenner	Leading Age Colorado
Jennifer Reinheimer	Myers & Stauffer
Josh Fant	CHCA
Lonnie Hilzer	Continuum Health Mgmt
Luke Addington	Jefferson County Center Mental Health
Luis Jaime	Colorado Access
Sarah Schumann	Brookside Inn
PHONE	
Dustin Dodson	Grand River Hospital District
Jay Moskowitz	Vivage
John Brammeier	Vivage
Mary Koretke	Vivage
Nancy Borgstadt	Colorado Foundation for Medical Care
Shannon Gimbel	DRCOG-Ombudsman
Teri Blechar	Vivage
STATE STAFF	
Amy Ryan	LTSS Division
Beverly Hirsekorn	HCPF / Eligibility
Casey Dills-O'Donnell	LTSS Division
Cathy Fielder	LTSS Auditor
Eric Holt	LTSS Division
Jason Takaki	LTSS Facilities Unit Supervisor

John Estes	LTSS Division
Kathy Snow	LTSS Policy Specialist
Matt Haynes	Safety Net Program Section
Susan Love	LTSS Division
Tammie Ruiz	LTSS PASRR
Tim Burchard	LTSS Division

I. Welcome, Announcements, Introductions:

Jason Takaki welcomed the attendees. Meeting attendees and those on the phone introduced themselves and the organization they represent.

II. Review of February Meeting Draft Notes:

Jason Takaki asked the group for corrections to February's draft notes. None were mentioned.

III. Action Items:

- There has recently been an issue with the direct deposit of Social Security checks. Some NFs have been getting flagged by the Social Security Administration, causing potential delay with patient payments. HCPF will give this information to the Colorado Health Care Association to distribute to their members through their newsletter.
- HCPF is looking to form a Regulatory Workgroup. This group will help with comprehensive review of HCPF rules and regulations. Contact Jason Takaki directly if interested at Jason.takaki@state.co.us.
- The Department is offering MED-13 reporting training through Myers and Stauffer to use up consulting hours by June 30, 2014. For any Nursing Facility Administrators that are interested, we need to organize this training.
 - Dustin Dobson stated that there would be interest in this training, particularly along the Western Slope. Dustin offered to host for this training, provided he has 6 weeks to organize and market the training.
- There is a workgroup working on the redesign of the ULTC 100 assessment tool. Currently, there is no Nursing Facility representation on this committee, and no Nursing Facility representatives were contacted to be on this committee. HCPF will look into why Nursing Facilities were not invited, and will ensure that going forward Nursing Facilities are represented on this committee.
- There is interest in starting the Pay for Performance (P4P) committee workgroup again. This will be an opportunity to reset the measures for evaluating performance. HCPF will look into restarting this workgroup in the next couple of months.
- There is interest in starting up a Field Audit Workshop. Cathy Fielder will look into the possibility of getting this started.

IV. Provider Fee Update: Matt Haynes

- The March meeting of the Provider Fee Workgroup was cancelled.

- The next meeting of the Provider Fee Workgroup will be held April 18, 2014. (*double check with Matt for location*)

V. Regulatory Review Update: John Estes

- Long Term Services and Supports recently completed their review of 499 Long Term Care Rules. This review identified over 300 instances of inconsistent or outdated language, along with over 100 spelling errors.
- A report detailing the findings is completed and will be sent to the Governor's office by the end of March.
- As a continuation of the review process, LTSS will be making substantive changes over the next several months to fix the identified issues.
- LTSS would also like to start a regulatory workgroup to provide meaningful collaboration on rule review and revision between HCPF and the provider and stakeholder community.

VI. Adult Dental Benefit: Susan Love

- Susan reminded everyone that the new \$1000 adult dental benefit will begin next month (April). This is an annual dental benefit amount per client. In July, the offered services will increase.
- No PETIs will need to be submitted for these services; instead, providers may bill Medicaid directly. The dental providers must be enrolled as a Medicaid provider in order to be reimbursed by Medicaid.
- Susan also mentioned that HCPF will offer in depth training on cost reports, geared towards either providers/administrators or preparers, through Myers and Stauffer. These trainings would be 3-4 hours in the morning, with an opportunity for one-on-one discussion with Myers and Stauffer's auditors in the afternoons. If there is sufficient interest, these trainings will be made available at locations across the state. Dustin Dobson stated that there would be interest in such training along the western slope.

VII. FRV Process Implementation: Randie Wilson

- Randie was unable to attend the meeting. Jason gave a quick update on the FRV Implementation: it is going through as planned, and is currently in the clearance process awaiting final approval from the Department.

VIII. PASRR: Tammie Ruiz and Casey Dills O'Donnell

- Today was Tammie Ruiz's last meeting responsible for PASARR. As a result of the reorganization within LTSS, Casey Dills will be the new PASARR Administrator.
- Starting July 1, there will be a new status change form for PASARR. This new form will be similar to the online Level 1 form. Compliance with this new procedure will start July 1, 2014, and Nursing Facilities will be expected to be in compliance by October 1, 2014.
- For any questions on the new process, contact Tammie Ruiz at Tammie.Ruiz@state.co.us or Casey Dills at Casey.Dills@state.co.us.

IX. Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB): Kathy Snow

- There will be a new simple process for any non-Medicaid Nursing Facility to enroll. They will not have to go through the moratorium because they are not adding beds; the sole purpose of enrolling is to be reimbursed for QMB patients. This will allow the submission of claims on QMB services.
- Address letters to Kathy Snow.
- Providers will get a denial letter from HCPF to allow for reimbursement of bad debt.
- Additionally, Kathy Snow is transitioning away from ACFs to focus her time on Nursing Facility Policy.

X. Public Comments:

- Arlene Miles brought up a potential issue with Intermediate Care Facilities. At the moment, it is not clear whether they will be administered along with Nursing Facilities, or in a separate division. The issue is that there is a potential that the same entity could be responsible for both the payment piece and the operations piece. This should not happen, as this would constitute a huge Conflict of Interest. HCPF will monitor this and be sure to recommend that the two pieces be completely separated.
- Arlene also brought up the recent creation of a workgroup to redesign the ULTC 100 assessment tool. No Nursing Facilities or their representatives were invited to participate in this workgroup. HCPF thinks that the workgroup was initiated by the Community Living Advisory Group, but will investigate why no Nursing Facilities were included and will work to ensure that Nursing Facilities are represented on this committee ASAP.
- Janet mentioned that eligibility determinations are still running extremely slowly. Holly Heights has had to turn away Medicaid-pending clients, because they can't afford to take more than about 12 pending at any one time.
 - The severity of the problem seems to vary by county, with experienced backups in Arapahoe and Denver County.